GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF CHILDREN HOMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that in the absence of a centralized system among the social welfare department of the States and Union Territories to trace families of children residing in children homes in Delhi and Other States, these children homes are bursting at seams and also lack basic facilities. Thus defeating the very purpose of having congenial atmosphere for the development of such unfortunate children.

(b) If so, whether the Union Government is considering to issue any guidelines to be followed by the State so that overall conditions of children homes could be gradually improved over a period of time; and.

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Government is aware that in some StatesUnion Territories, the children homes may be having capacity less than the requirements.

(b) &(c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has issued model rules under the Juvenile Justice

(Care and Protection of children) Act, 2000 which lay down the basic requirement for every home such as physical infrastructure, clothing and bedding, nutrition, medical, educational, vocational training and recreation facilities. This Ministry has also been regularly inviting proposals from the State Governments/Union Territories under its scheme, "A Programme for Juvenile Justice" for construction of new children Homes as well as for the upgradation of facilities in existing homes.